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**UPDATE: Salisbury Fire Department In Regard to Structural Fire –
Lyerly Funeral Home**

Salisbury_North Carolina_April 16 – A complete fire investigation began early this morning to determine the cause of structural fire at Lyerly Funeral Home, 515 S. Main Street.

The Salisbury Fire Department was dispatched at approximately 12:20 p.m. on Friday, April 13, to Lyerly Funeral Home in response to what quickly became a four alarm fire with multiple departments throughout Rowan County and the Charlotte Fire Department providing mutual aid. Crews managed the fire in a defensive mode of operation well into Friday evening.

On Saturday, April 14 investigators assessed the structural integrity of the building to determine what additional resources would be needed to safely enter the structure and begin a complete investigation. Salisbury Fire and Police Departments have remained on the scene since Friday.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation by Salisbury Fire and Police Departments in collaboration with the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) and the insurance carrier for Lyerly Funeral Home.

Salisbury Fire Department Battalion Chief Morris, states, “As the investigation proceeds, crews are making every effort to salvage items within the building that were not damaged by the fire. The Lyerly family remains in our thoughts and prayers as we continue to work through the remainder of the investigation.”

Further details regarding the cause of the fire will be released by City of Salisbury Public Information Officer, Elaney Hasselmann as they become available. Media inquiries may be directed to (704) 762-1008.

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